

MINUTES

City Council
City of Arco
April 24, 2023

Mayor Parsons called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Mayor Grady Parsons, Council members Ben Tessmer, Bobbie Reese, Danny McCurdy, City Clerk Maribel Cahalan and Deputy Clerk Dana Jensen, Maintenance Supervisor Tony Chisham Maintenance Lead Tim and wife, Lindsey Snyder. Guests in attendance were Dean and Tarz Haight, Tom Cammack, Rosanne Smith, Shelly Blackner, Attorney Steve Stephens, Donna Murray, Kristen Bingham, Moj Broadie, Kevin Whitcomb, via phone, Council President Travis Gilchrist, and Camille Miller via Zoom.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Minutes from the last Council meeting on April 10th were reviewed by the Council and approved upon motion.

Public Comments – Dean and Tarz Haight presented to the Council a proposal to add a second driveway to their property to make room for a truck. They showed pictures of the proposed site. Council member Ben Tessmer asked for a detailed plan to include an overhead view sketching in the new driveway in order to approve or disapprove the plan. Mr. Tessmer advise the Haight's to visit the website to see the ordinances that are applicable to their project. There was no one else signed up for public comment.

Camille Miller/Forgren – via Zoom – representing Forsgren Associates Civil Engineering Firm, Camille Miller presented a project contract to the council. This project would call for a lead and copper inventory of our water distribution system. It is a research-only step which Ms. Millet estimated would be completed by October 2023. The council motioned to approve the \$10,000 cost and materials contract.

Pretty City Committee – Shelly Blackner, chair of the PCC came before the council to present a few ideas to beautify the city and to see what help the council was willing to give her. Shelly presented the bylaws of her committee saying that the purpose is to establish/promote a service committee to make the community more noticeably appealing. May is “Clean Up Month” and Ms. Blackner asked the city to provide help to residents who need help removing trash from their property by providing a dump truck. Discussion emerged about how residents need to reserve a day in May (Mon – Fri) and that the residents need to be ready to load it, having to sort their trash in a way that it could be taken to the dump effectively. The City employee's job is to help load and take the trash to the dump, but the residents need to make sure its separated and prepared for them to do so. Shelly said that in the past years, there would be a clean-up day which was organized through the schools to help with cleaning up the greenbelt. Ms. Blackner has received feedback from community members about projects that they would like to see the PCC complete in Butte County. One of Shelly's main goals is to make each entrance into the city more pleasingly appealing by removing trash and weeds. While there is a committee, Ms. Blackner stressed the importance of everyone getting involved in their efforts. The committee is not entirely responsible for the cleaning of the city, but rather for organizing the projects that need the most attention. More information including who to contact and how you can help will be published in the Arco Advertiser leading up to the May clean-up month.

BLRID – Kevin Whitcomb, general manager of Big Lost River Irrigation District addressed the council. The discussion was that either bridges or new culverts are needed over Era and Hazel streets. Moj Broadie, BLRID board chairman, informed the council that current culverts are not large enough to supply irrigators with the water they are decreed.

Michael Cooper – Building Permit Approval – Mr. Cooper did not attend the meeting.

Flood Plain Ordinance – changes to the Flood Plain Ordinance was tabled to discuss for a later date.

Asphalt Cold Mix – Maintenance supervisor Tony Chisham addressed the council about cold mix pricing to repair the streets and greenbelt in the city. Tony initially requested that 130 tons be ordered this year, it was more than past years, considering the conditions of the roads after this heavy snow year. Tony said that he needed at least 5 tons for the greenbelt. Councilmen Tessmer asked if they are prepping the potholes enough before repairing them to make sure that the repairs last or are they just repairing the same problem spots year after year. A suggestion was made that possibly a crew and machinery be brought in especially on the problematic potholes to replace a larger section of asphalt rather than just patching holes. The council agreed that this would be a good plan and that They would check with contractors about the cost for such a project. For now, cold mix is needed to repair the badly damaged city streets, Councilmen Tessmer made the motion to approve the purchase of 100 tons, Councilmen McCurdy 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

AFLAC Insurance – next topic was the discussion for city employees getting supplemental, vision or dental insurance from AFLAC. The main pull for vision insurance is the need for city workers to purchase prescription safety glasses. Councilmen Tessmer emphasized the importance of getting the needed safety glasses as soon as possible and to have AFLAC price out the options and come to the council with estimates. Tessmer said that he didn't think the procurement of AFLAC insurance for city workers was a council item because the policies would be paid for by city employees if they wish to purchase the insurance for themselves. Discussion was tabled.


Bills – Council members Bobbi Reese and Danny McCurdy reviewed the bills presented at the meeting. After reviewing and verifying, Councilmen McCurdy made a motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$20,760.93. Motion was seconded and approved.

Roundtable – Council President Travis Gilchrist said that he would not be able to attend the Recharge meeting scheduled for this Wednesday, April 26th so he asked if any council member could attend in his absence. Councilmen Danny McCurdy volunteered to attend the meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. was made by Councilmen Danny McCurdy and seconded by Councilmen Ben Tessmer.

The next regular City Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 08th at 7:00 p.m. at the City office.


Grady Parsons, Mayor


Maribel Cahalan, City Clerk